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1. The Omsk Military Medical School imeni Shers (Omskoye voyenno-meditsinskoye uchilishche imeni Shersa) is designed principally to train feldshers (physicians' assistants) for the Soviet Army; however, attached to it is a school which trains dentists for service in the Soviet Army. The school, originally located in Leningrad, was evacuated to Omsk during the war. Moscow steadfastly rejected the many requests, made by the administrative staff of the school, to return the school to Leningrad. These refusals were probably prompted by the reluctance to envisage a second evacuation should hostilities break out again.

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between the two schools.

There was no relation

Feldsher School

3. I can give the following details about the feldsher school:

- (a) [redacted] there were from 200 - 300 students (kursanty) at the Feldsher school and I believe this was the maximum capacity of the school at the time.

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These students were divided into three companies. Practically all the students were selected, on a voluntary basis, at the time of their induction into the army. There were none with previous military service but they too were volunteers. The educational requirements at the time were a minimum of 8, but preferably, 10 years.

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Dental School

4. The dental school was attached to the feldsher school and had also been evacuated during the war.

I can give only the following details about the dental school:

- (a) As far as I know, and I have heard the statement made positively and authoritatively, this was the only military dental school in the USSR at that time. The course of study was called "Dental Courses, Omsk Military Medical School imeni Shers (Kursy zubnykh vrachey pri omskom voyenno-meditsinskom uchilishche imeni Shersa).

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- (b) The students, averaging about 100, were officer volunteers, usually senior lieutenants or captains, who had completed a feldsher school or its civilian and professional equivalent. There never were any EM. While at the school these officer students drew the same pay and allowances as previously. Living conditions for the dental students were inferior to those of the feldsher students.
- (c) After the war, the course of study was 18 months (only three months during the war) and consisted primarily of practical work, with a fair amount of political study and a minimum of military assignments. The faculty consisted of army officers, some of whom also taught at the feldsher school, and a few civilians. In general the faculty and the course of instruction were quite good, and this dental school was considered better than civilian dental schools for the same reasons that the military feldsher schools were better than their civilian equivalents.
- (d) Upon completion of the course the students were given military assignments but usually not within their previous units. Their rank was not affected by graduation and their pay was not necessarily increased. A feldsher who has become a dental graduate from this school will rarely, if ever, serve again as feldsher but as dentist. In the Soviet Army most dentists and doctors, unlike feldshers, are graduates of civilian schools.

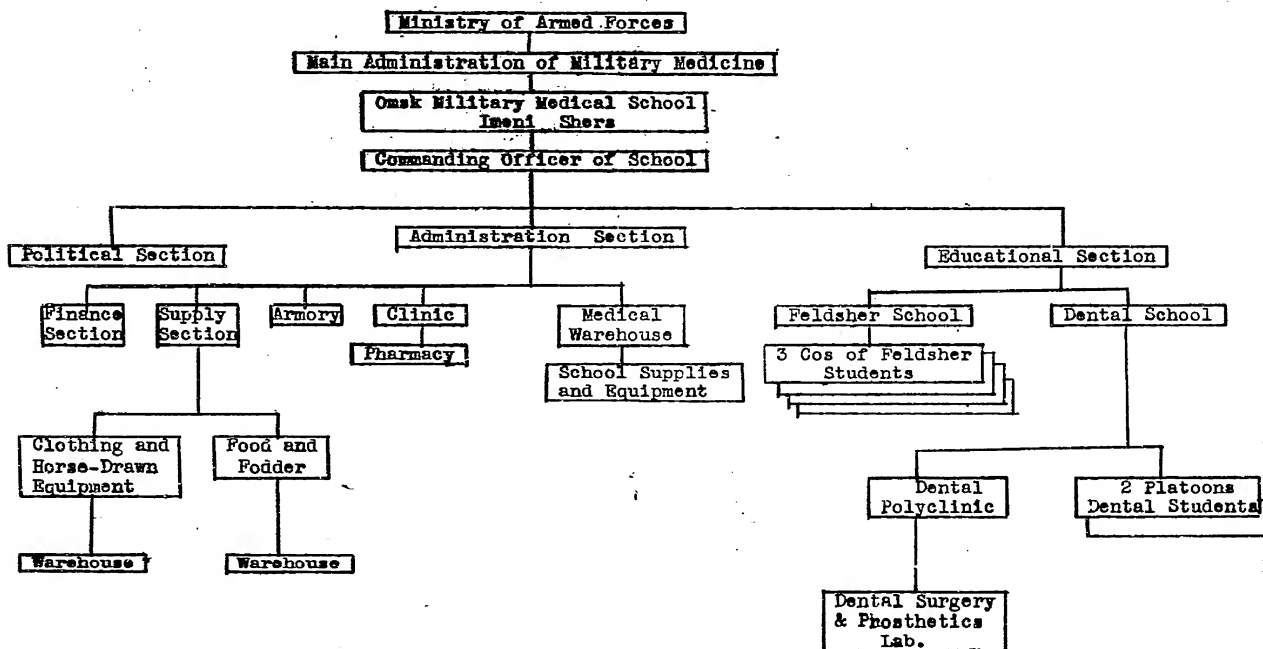
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Enclosure (A): Organizational Chart of Omsk Military Medical School

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